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As georgette slumped to the floor in a dead faint, a grim figure materialized! Then-





WHAT? YOU FOUND THE STORY IS FINISHED -- I'VE GENT IT TO YOU -- BY SPECIAL MESSENGER! CONSCIOUS -BUT AS GEORGETTE'S MOTHER I WON'T PER-MIT HER TO WORK FOR AT HER DESK? HAPPENED TO YOU EVER AGAIN! THE DEMONG IN THAT STORY COULD SCARE ANYONE HER -- AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STORY TO DEATH! SHE WAS

I DUNNO, LOU -- BUT SOME MIGHTY STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING LATELY! LOOK -- YOU'RE MY MORE ABOUT THE SUPER-NATURAL THAN ANYONE IN THE FIELD! SEE IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHY AN ARTIST AND A COLORIST WENT BATTY OVER A

ANYTHING WRONG, CHIEF?











# TO SELILLE OF THE POOR PROSIED FERRERS

URN THE KEY in the lock, but don't go past the door. It may be an ordinary door, but who can tell what is behind it?

It was an ordinary day. School had gone by as usual and now it was time to go home. Joan hopped on the bus and very quickly found herself getting off in front of her home. She skipped happily up to the door and opened it, just as she did every other afternoon.

A strange sensation came over her as soon as she stepped into the house. When the door clicked behind her she turned quickly to open it, but it was locked tight! The room was dark. The shades were drawn and everything seemed somehow...different! As she peered into the darkness, two big green eyes suddenly appeared...and started to move toward her!

She reached for the light switch, but instead of her finger touching the light switch, she touched a soft, gooey, moving thing! She pressed on it anyway, thinking it was just her imagination. Something squashed between her finger and the wall, and she realized that she had killed a big spider!

The eyes kept coming closer...and closer! Terrified, Joan ran as fast as she could to her bedroom, sure that it would be bright and gay. As soon as she came to the door she

reached for the knob. She turned it, but the door was locked!

A sickening feeling came over her. She turned to run, but in front of her were the two green eyes staring out of the darkness. She felt a cold, clammy hand grab her. She saw the eyes staring and she saw two gleaming white fangs. She screamed. Then everything went black!

"Wake up, Joan! Wake up!" Joan woke up screaming. Her teacher was shaking her. "You've had a night-mare," the teacher said. "I didn't think this class was so boring, but you've slept all the way through it!" After apologizing to her teacher,

After apologizing to her teacher, Joan hopped on the bus and quickly found herself getting off in front of her home. She skipped happily up to the door as she did every afternoon. But again, as she stepped into the house, a strange sensation came over her.

The door clicked shut behind her. She turned to open it, but it was locked tight. Everything was happening exactly as it had in the dream, but of course, she knew that it was just her imagination.

But then she saw the two big green eyes, and the white fangs gleaming in the darkness...and she knew exactly what was going to happen...

(Editor's Note: Well, fans, here it is! Last month, we told you of a 14-year-old 9th grader from Baldwin Park. California, who submitted an original story for our consideration. Well, we thought so highly of Miss Rosie Ferrero's effort that we're publishing it above! This helps bring home to us how closely some of you are studying our stories. Keep it up, fans! Who knows? Maybe you have latent talent! And as we said last month, if so, we want to know about it!)

## APOLLOS fecteel GLOVES





at FIRST, TERROR AND DISBELIEF CLUTCHED AT GLEN'S HEART! BUT, APPARITION SEEMED FRIENDLY ..



THESE GLOVES ARE ENCHANTED--FASHIONED BY ME THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO! HE WHO WEARS THEM DOES PER-FECTLY WHAT HE WISHES TO DO MOST! LISTEN TO THEIR HISTORY.

"I CREATED THEM FOR AN UNTALENTED LYRE PLAYER IN ANCIENT GREECE, WHOGE PLEAS TO ME FOR HELP TOUCHED MY HEART! THEN, WHEN HE WORETHEM, HIS MUSIC CHARMED ALL--"



"BUT-ON A VOYAGE ACROSS THE ADRIATIC SEA THE MUSICIAN'S SHIP WAS WRECKED--"



"-- AND THE GLOVES WERE LOST TO MAN, FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS!"



ANOTHER UNTALENTED NOW THEY ARE & FOUND MUSICIAN! AGAIN



DO NOT DESPAIR -- THE GLOVES
ARE YOURS! USE THEM WISELY.
AND THEY WILL DELIGHT ALL
MANKIND! IF, HOWEVER, THEY
ARE WORN BY THE WRONG
HANDS -- TRAGEDY
WILL RESULT! FAREWELL!





JN THE MIDST OF FABULOUS SUCCESS ... HOW COULD GLEN KNOW HE TOTTERED AT THE BRINK OF STARK





NOTICE THAT I ALWAYS WEAR THESE TRANSPARENT GLOVES WHEN I PLAY? WELL, THEREBY HANGS A FANTASTIC TALE!

> WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



AS THE WHOLE AMAZING STORY WAS TOLD ...

YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND, GLEN -- I -OF IT! C'MON -- LET'S -



BELIEVE WHAT YOU LIKE, HONEY--BUT IF A CRIMINAL GOT HOLO OF THOSE GLOVES -- THE RESULT COULD BE





MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE THIEF DONNED THE GLOVES --STRANGE TRANS FORMATION TOOK PLACE! IN AN INSTANT, THE EVIL JANITOR'S HIDDEN NATURE WAS REVEALED IN ALL ITS RESTIAL UGLINESS!



HAA-HA-HA! I CAN LEEL IT HAPPENING -- MY WHOLE BODY IS CHANGING! NOW -- IF I HAVE REALLY GAINED GREAT POWERS THE TIME HAS COME TO TEST THEM!

























# UNCAMENT THE STERVES

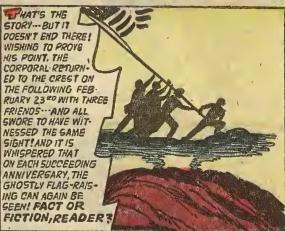


DEGEND --- FOLKLORE --- HOW ARE THEY BORN ? HERE'S A WHISPERED STORY WHICH CONCERNS THAT FAMOUS INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY. 23 RD 1945 WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG WENT UP AT IWO JIMA! OUT OF THAT HISTORIC EPISODE, THE STORY TELLS US, CAME A SPECTRAL AFTERMATH ---



















FOOTPRINTS AROUND THE OLD WELL! LUCKY I WENT BACK

TO THE CAR FOR THIS TIRE

ONE MORE GOOD YANK AND.

IRON BEFORE INVESTIGATING!

IN MARTHA'S CELL, WHERE EACH SECOND IS AN ETERNITY OF HORROR. WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO

MARK? M.MAYBE THOSE FIENDS' CAUGHT HIM. TOO! WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME HERE ALONE!



MARTHA, IS THAT YOU? MARK! THANK HEAVENS

... AND THAT'S THEIR FIENDISH PLAN, MARK! THEY'RE DETERMINED TO ENSLAVE THE WORLD!

AND I'M DETERMINED TO STOP THEM.



BEFORE WE LEFT, I PREPARED THIS FORMULA IN THE LAB! I HAD A HUNCH WE MIGHT BE UP AGAINST SUPERNATURAL CREATURES, BECAUSE OF THE GUARD'S STORY AND BECAUSE THE SUBSTANCE STOLEN WAS **BLOOD** - THE INDISPENSABLE NOURISHMENT OF VAMPIRES! WHAT I'M HOLDING IS A ANY. MIXTURE OF BELLA THING. DONNA AND MANDRAKE DARLING AGAINST VAMPIRES KNOWN
SINCE THE
MIDDLE AGES! - BU HUKRY!









ANS, THE TIME has come for a bit of chest-thumping on our part. We've held off as long as possible, but now that we find ourselves imitated on every side, we just can't contain our swell of pride

any longer!

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readers!

"Desr Editori-

The first time I got "Adventutes into The Unknown", I had the thrill of my life! I never knew a comic book could be so exciting. I plan to keep buying this wonderful magazine!

.. Becky Stone, Longmont, Colorado."

"Dear Editore-

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.M. Barrows, Dallas, Texas"

"Dear Editor

I have read many comics, but my favorite is "Adventures Into The Unknown"!

I'd like more stories like "Flight of the Dead" and "Shadow of the Wolf".

Rees them coming!

-B. Wagner, Lockport, N. Y."

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.- Jean Tennaro, Cambridge, Md. "

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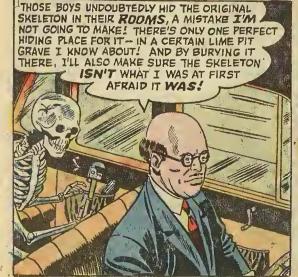




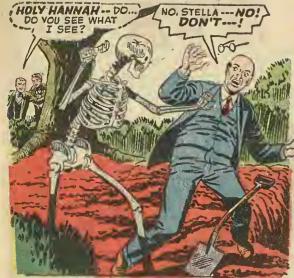




BUT, THAT NIGHT ...



















Deep in the backwater regions of Louisiana, where Voodoo reigns, people still believe in the awful powers of **THE EVIL EYE!** It would have been better for escaped convict Mike Benson if **HE** had believed in it that night he stumbled out of the bayous into the crude, isolated cabin...





AH, NOW I KNOW WHY I HEARD THE PRISON MONEY AN' BLOODHOUNDS YAPPING AWAY IN THE CLOTHES DISTANCE! BUT YOU'VE COME TO THE AN' FOOD -- WRONG PLACE -- MY ONLY PAY FOR THE WORK I DO IS IN SATISFACTION, NOT IN MONEY!



OON'T STALL, GRANDA- I'M IN A HURRY! YOU
YA MUST HAVE SOME DOUGH WOULDN'T
HIDDEN AROUND THE PLACE!
HAND IT OVER, OR--WARN

















BUT AS THE FIGURE TURNS --

IT ... IT'S THE OLD

DAME -- SHE'S

MY

CURSE..





IT... IT'S GETTIN'
WORSE! THOSE
EYES THEY'RE
ALL AROUND ME
... WATCHIN' ME!













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